Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the indicated paragraphs with the following replacement paragraphs. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1), the full text of the replacement paragraph includes markings showing all changes made.

Paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13, beginning at page 12, line 36

The system for emitting/receiving the laser carpet 161, 162 is able to count up and transmit the number of drops delivered into each cavity by the piezoelectric micropipette, to a coordination device 163, a comparison between the number delivered and the designated theoretical number (here the number 10) is performed by the coordination device and when a discrepancy is noted between the number actually delivered and the designated theoretical number, the coordination device 163 sends an order for a second pass of the piezoelectric micropipette over the relevant cavity or cavities so as to deliver the missing drop or drops. If the discrepancy noted is greater than a given threshold, the system is able to record this discrepancy in a computer file.

Paragraph beginning on page 14, line 28

According to a particularly advantageous characteristic, each piezoelectric pipette 141, 142 of the device according to the invention comprises two conducting parts 240a separated by a nonconducting material 240b, which are linked to an electrical system 250, as shown in Figure 4, so that when the orifice of the micropipette comes into contact with a constituent of a receptacle of the first or the second supply plate, it brings about closure of the electrical circuit, which causes the former to stop in the vicinity of the surface of the liquid.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 1 and add Figure 4 by replacing the immediate prior versions of the drawing sheets with the replacement sheets of drawings appended to this document. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), all changes to the drawings are explained in detail in the remarks section below and shown on the attached annotated sheets.